

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 12TH, 2023

Welcome to Wallingford Presbyterian Church

Members and friends gather here each Sunday morning (and lots of times during the week!) to celebrate and serve. We rejoice that you are here, and hope that you'll feel right at home.



Please take a moment to silence your cell phone.

Face Masks are optional for all activities and are available upon request.

- Friendship Pew Pads can be found at the end of each pew.
- Please fill them out and pass along to your neighbors.

<u>Visitors</u> are encouraged to reach out about activities they may be interested in. <u>WPC Directory</u> Our church uses the online directory feature of Planning Center. Find it online or on the Church Center app. Contact the church office with questions. <u>WPC Happenings</u> Stay informed! Physical copies available out in the Narthex.

Visual Worship Schedules are available upon request.

If You Need a Little Help Hearing, portable listening devices are available.

An All Gender, ADA Restroom is located in the Narthex.



Activity Packets are available for children to use during worship.

Fidget Toys for children (and adults) are available at the Narthex entrance.

Gluten Free Cookies are labeled and available during coffee hour.

191 <u>Communion</u> is served the first Sunday of the month.

WPC uses bread that is gluten free and made without tree nuts or peanuts.

Please ask an usher if you need help; we are here to assist you!

STAFF & HOURS

PASTOR: Rev. François Lacroix

- Tuesday, 11:00am-4:00pm
- Wednesday, 10:00am-2:00pm Associate Pastor: Rev. Taylor Cornelius
- Monday, 11:00am-4.430pm
- Thursday, 10:00am-1:00pm DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Lee Hagon-Kerr CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: Nathan Gibson
- Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm
 COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR: Leslie Krowchenko
 CLERK OF SESSION: Christine Darr
 CO-TREASURERS: Ed Mattote and Todd Darr
 FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Michelle Hall

A community where all who seek God are Welcome... A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

No man should appear before the LORD empty-handed. Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you. - Deuteronomy 16:16-17

Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on." - Luke 21:1-4

"Do you not know that God entrusted you with that money (all above what buys necessities for your families) to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to help the stranger, the widow, the fatherless; and, indeed, as far as it will go, to relieve the wants of all mankind? How can you, how dare you, defraud the Lord, by applying it to any other purpose?" - John Wesley

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Everything in heaven and earth is Yours, O LORD.

Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

"God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand." Let us give open our hearts in praise to God!

*Opening Hymn #708	We Give Thee but Thine Own	Schumann
	(verses 1 and 2)	

ANTHEM Awake My Soul Mumford and Sons, arr. J. Grecia How fickle my heart and how woozy my eyes. I struggle to find any truth in your lies. And now my heart stumbles on things I don't know. My weakness I feel I must finally show. Lend me your hand and we'll conquer them all. But lend me your heart and I'll just let you fall. Lend me your eyes, I can change what you see. But your soul you must keep totally free. **Awake, my soul**. In these bodies we will live, in these bodies we will die. Where you invest your love, you invest your life. **Awake, my soul**, for you were made to meet your maker.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward at this time. Parents are encouraged to accompany younger children and sit with them on the chancel steps or in the front seats. Then, children (18 months –11 years) are invited to Sunday School classes or to stay with us in worship. If this is your child's first time going to Sunday School, please accompany them downstairs in order to register your child.

PASTORAL PRAYER

GOSPEL READING

MUSICAL MEDITATION Monday Morning Faith Paez, Shuffit, Plank, Rivera, Chancel Choir, Taylor Cornelius and Tyler Gibson Cook, Lynch & Georgopulos arr. Grant Wall

I want to meet with you more than Sundays I want to know more than just my mother's faith 'Cause that's not enough to get through the rough Oh, I need a Monday morning faith I want to hear you in more than just one way Show your voice in all of the mundane things You're in the in-between, You're in my everything And that's all I really need

My soul sings in the morning I love the King and he loves me And all that I'm compelled to bring Is my everyday offering

Let my worship be more than just singing When did music become a religious thing? Let these songs be what they're meant to be The sound of your church awakening And help my heart to keep up with the heavens Where the angels sing 24/7 praise You're more than enough to get through my rough You're teaching me Monday morning faith And that's all I really need

My soul sings in the morning I love the King and he loves me And all that I'm compelled to bring Is my everyday offering

Your mercy's new every morning I come alive as you're calling And all that I'm compelled to bring Is my everyday offering And Hell's not scared of a Sunday faith If it only leads to empty praise What really makes darkness run Is when the saints arise and praise in quiet On Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday To know you, to love you, to choose you first Thursday and Friday and Saturday To see you, behold you in worship, singing

Hallelujah, holy, holy Glory to the King of Kings And hallelujah, holy, holy All honor and glory belongs to you

My soul sings in the morning I love the King and he loves me And all that I'm compelled to bring Is my everyday offering

Your mercy's new every morning I come alive as You're calling And all that I'm compelled to bring Is my everyday offering

And hallelujah, holy, holy Glory to the King of Kings And hallelujah, holy, holy All honor and glory belongs to you x2

My soul sings in the morning I love the King and he loves me And all that I'm compelled to bring Is my everyday offering

Matthew 6:19-24

SERMON

MISSION AND MINISTRY

MEDITATION ON PLEDGE SUNDAY

PLEDGE GIVING HYMN #853 We Are Marching in the Light of God Congregants are invited to make their way forward and drop their pledge cards in the basket up front

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OFFERTORY King of Kings Ligertwood, Ingram & Ligertwood featuring Taylor Cornelius, Lee Hagon-Kerr, Tyler Gibson and Brian George, arr. Dustin Loehrs



回意意见 If you wish to give electronically from your smartphone or tablet, please scan the box at the left, to go to the website where you can give to WPC via credit card, or give via the Church Center app.

In the darkness we were waiting Without hope, without light 'Til from Heaven You came running There was mercy in Your eyes To fulfill the law and prophets To a virgin came the word From a throne of endless glory To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, praise the Son Praise the Spirit, three in one God of glory, Majesty Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross For even in your suffering You saw to the other side Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake you died

Praise the Father, praise the Son Praise the Spirit, three in one God of glory, Majesty Praise forever to the King of Kings

And the church of Christ was born Then the Spirit lit the flame Now this gospel truth of old Shall not kneel, shall not faint By His blood and in His name In His freedom I am free For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me

Praise the Father, praise the Son Praise the Spirit, three in one God of glory, Majesty Praise forever to the King of Kings Praise forever to the King of Kings

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy Lord, we dedicate these pledges and offerings to you. We know that all we have comes from you. We pray that you would take these gifts and use them to bless our church, community, and world so that all can feel the power of your love. We dedicate our very lives, hearts, energy, and dreams to you, God, knowing that you lovingly care for us in return. Bless these offerings to the glory of your Kingdom, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sending

*CLOSING HYMN 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me GLORY TO GOD (VASILE) Glory to God whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen (x3) As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

(Please exchange with one another, by words and gestures, signs of peace and reconciliation.)

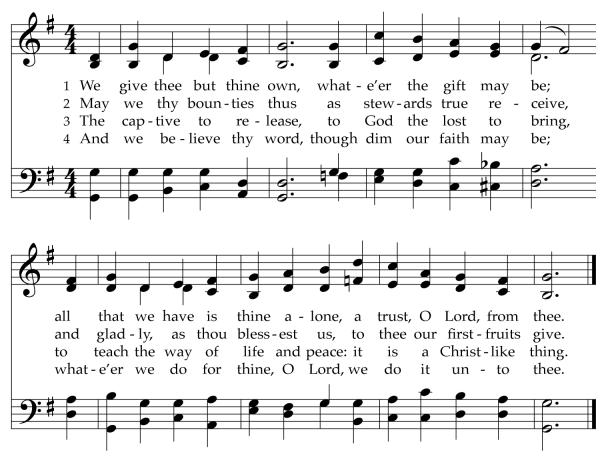
*Those who are able, please stand. Words and music printed for the hymns, Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A71731

Thank you to Barb Demos, and all who assisted with the worship service this morning. This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Bob and Judy Kenworthy

Matthew 6:19-24

¹⁹"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ²²"The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, ²³but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If, then, the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! ²⁴"No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

We Give Thee but Thine Own 708



Each successive stanza here expands the implications of the familiar affirmation of the first one. Much more than a concern with money, stewardship shapes our relationship with God and with other people. Despite this tune's name, no source has been found in Schumann's works.



This lively Zulu/Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other languages around the globe. Some additional stanzas are suggested, but others may be improvised as appropriate to the occasion.



Wallingford Presbyterian Church ChristMarket 2023



WPC supports several charitable groups throughout the year, missions near and far, such as **Chester Eastside** (https://ceichester.org/), **The America Team for Displaced Eritreans** (https://eritreanrefugees.org/), and **New Life Center** (https:// newlifecenterfoundation.org).

You may choose specific groups or (NEW) choose to give a lump sum to be distributed among all of the groups. We will still have printed cards available should you want to send them to loved ones informing them that you have contributed in their honor as an alternative gift.

We are sorting these as International, National, and Local efforts. Website URLs are included so you can learn more and we will speak about these organizations leading up to Advent so we can be better informed.

Physical order forms available soon!

INTERNATIONAL:

Malala Fund https://malala.org/

Malala Fund's Education Champion Network supports the work of educators and advocates and helps bolster girls' secondary education around the world.

Heifer International https://www.heifer.org/

Works In 19 countries with local farmers and business owners. Support farmers and their communities as they mobilize and envision their futures, provide training so they can improve the quantity and quality of the goods they produce, and connections to market to increase sales and incomes.

The America Team for Displaced Eritreans www.EritreanRefugees.org

Assisting Eritrean refugees and asylum seekers around the world who have fled acute oppression in their homeland in Northeast Africa.

New Life Center https://newlifecenterfoundation.org/

Based in Thailand, tribal women who are survivors of abuse and exploitation receive educational and residential services, gaining skills to become self-sufficient.

NATIONAL:

4 Paws for Ability https://www.4pawsforability.org/

Works to enrich the lives of children and veterans with disabilities by breeding, training and placing life-changing service dogs.

Arbor Day Foundation https://www.arborday.org

Facilitating trees to fight climate issues. Will plant 500 million trees by 2027 where most. Has a network of global partners, a science- based approach, and more than 50 years of planting trees.

LOCAL:

Spring Garden Soup Society https://springgardensoupsociety.org/

Provides financial aid to selected Philadelphia institutions which provide food for those in need. For 150 years the Society has been feeding the hungry in Philadelphia.

City Team - Chester cityteam.org

Helping Chester residents through faith-based assistance with homelessness, hunger, poverty and addiction.

Chester Eastside https://ceichester.org

Works to help children and families in Chester by providing access to hunger safety net programs and a safe environment for adult and youth education and exploration.

Crum Creek Watershed Association https://www.crcwatersheds.org/

Supports, encourages and promotes the enjoyment, restoration, conservation, protection and prudent management of the natural resources of the Chester, Ridley, and Crum Creek Watersheds.



2023 Giving Tree and Angel Tree

Giving Tree – gift certificates and wrapped toys to families at Chester Eastside, City Team and within the Wallingford Swarthmore School District

Angel Tree (through Prison Fellowship) – children of incarcerated parents receive a gift with a note from the parent expressing their love, helping to build a bond and learn about the love God has for them

Chester Eastside, City Team and WSSD families \$25 Walmart and Target cards

Toy Suggestions

Barbies of color and accessories (clothes, cars, etc.)
Baby dolls of color and accessories (strollers, clothes, bottles, etc.)
Full-size dolls (18") Racetrack, Matchbox cars Remote control cars Arts and crafts kits Infant/toddler toys (6, 12, 18 and 24 months)

Angel Tree – specific gift suggestions for each child

Look for the Giving Trees in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall

Tags will be available Sundays November 19, November 26 and December 3 Return unwrapped gifts and gift cards before or by December 10

Thank you for your continued generosity and support Carol Freidinger Don Killian Cathy Kilpatrick Tracy Moran



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN-UP Kids – dress in costumes, perform and sing songs to tell the story of Jesus' birth! Practices will be after church – **Sundays, Nov. 19 and 26, Dec. 3 and 10**; the pageant will be presented during the **Sunday, Dec. 17** service. **Today is the last day to register - scan the QR code.**

ADVENT OPEN HOUSE An event for all ages! Start the season, **4:30-6 p.m., Sunday, December 3**, with crafts, carols and a cup of (age-appropriate) cheer.

**Kids – make Advent/Christmas decorations, listen to a holiday story and munch on snacks **Adults – chat with (old and new) friends while enjoying a glass of wine or beer (or non-alcoholic beverage) and hors d'oeuvres, learn how to make Moravian stars and peek periodically the Eagles/49ers game on the large screen TV

**Everyone – end the evening singing holiday songs and carols

ADVENT OPEN HOUSE APPS Have a family favorite appetizer or snack you'd like to share? Bring it for the nosh table.



ADVENT OPEN HOUSE Crafters Share you love of crafting with our children. Arrive at 4 p.m. to become acquainted with the craft, then help the kids make it. Scan the QR code to register.

WHAT IS ANGEL TREE? It's part of our Giving Tree mission. Angel Tree was started by a formerly incarcerated parent who saw how hard it was for parents like her to reach out to their children from prison to let them know that they were thought about, loved and missed. Prison Fellowship Angel Tree assigned us 10 children in Chester whose parents have asked us to provide a gift in their name. In addition to a gift or gift card, each child receives a note from the parent expressing their love, a Christmas story booklet and the opportunity to receive an age appropriate Bible for the home. It's an opportunity to help build a bond between parent and child and to learn about the love God has for them.

CHESTER EASTSIDE THANKSGIVING Chester Eastside will be preparing 250 boxes with all the Thanksgiving fixins'. If you would like to donate, please bring the following items to the church by **Wednesday, November 15**.

- Turkey gravy
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Sweet potatoes
- Stuffing
- Mac & Cheese
- Canned corn
- Canned green beans
- Cranberry sauce
- Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix



ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN Through the seventh week, we have received 65 pledges totaling \$291,706. Pledges represent approximately two-thirds of our annual budget and provide the confidence that we as a church will be like a beehive – always humming with activity.

Register your pledge using the pledge card, Church Center app or QR code.

MONTHLY CONVERSATIONS Join Pastor François and Pastor Taylor as they host a series of monthly conversations on various topics. Begin with Pastor Taylor, **today**, **11 a.m.**, **Sunday**, **November 12**, to discuss "Tackling Theodicy: If God is good, why is there evil in the world?" Meets in the Reception Room.

PHILADELPHIA BOYS CHOIR The choir, with our own Carter Zeszut, will perform **3 p.m., Sunday**, **November 12**, at Springfield High School. Tickets will be available at the door.

BOOKLOOK Discuss "The Midnight Library," **7:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 15**, the #1 New York Times which tells the story of a woman faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one. She must search within herself to decide what is truly fulfilling in life and what makes it worth living.

YOUTH GROUP MINI GOLF/PIZZA/ARCADE Meet at Putt Putt Family Fun Center (5300 West Baltimore Pike, Clifton Heights), **4:30 p.m., Sunday, November 19**, for mini golf, pizza dinner and arcade time (be sure to bring a coat). Cost – \$15 per student; open to students grades 6-12. (Rain plan – Disney movie and pizza at the church)

TURKEYS Have a turkey you won't be cooking? Donate it to the Deacons. Put the bird in the church freezer through **Tuesday, November 21**.

PUBLIC HEALTH IN DELAWARE COUNTY – WHO IS OUR NEIGHBOR? Hear about Delaware County's new Health Department (DCHD), the differences between public health and health care, population health and its effect on our community, **Wednesday, November 29**. The speakers will be Melissa Lyon, MPH, CPH (Director, DCHD) and James E Plummer, DMgt, MBA, MHL (Population Health Administrator). **Potluck supper – 6:30 p.m.; talk – 7:15 p.m.** Sponsored by the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee.

FALL CLEAN-UP Help tidy up our grounds, 9 a.m., Saturday, December 2. The main task will be raking leaves and we welcome all hands. Please bring your own tools.



кол Handel's Messiaн Enjoy a performance, 3 p.m., Sunday, December 10, of Part I and "Hallelujah Chorus" with professional soloists and a choir of local singers. The event is part of Concerts for a Cause and will benefit Chester Eastside. Like to sing in the choir? Use the QR code for details.



回答题示题回 Voice Lessons For Seniors Learn to read music/practice your skills with Kara Goodrich. Have fun and flex your brain singing new songs and your old favorites. Beginner to experienced welcomed. Scan the QR code more info; email (karaelizabethgoodrich@gmail.com) or call (484-802-6965) her.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER Thank you to all of you who helped out with our Rise Against Hunger event last Sunday, November 5th. Many of our members, scouts of Cub Pack 228 and Troops 2019 and 277 and their families packed 10,152 meals. It was wonderful to see five generations of people working together to accomplish this task. Thanks also to all the members of this Church whose contributions make the work of the Mission & Service Committee possible. -Roger Demos, Chair, Mission & Service Committee

THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE It is obvious how much we all enjoy the wonderful music presented each Sunday by our choir. It is hard to notice but new chairs, designed for musicians, have been added to the Chancel and the Choir Room. There have been many positive remarks and thanks from choir members. These chairs were made possible by funds from the Memorial Fund, funds donated to the Church in memory of loved ones who have passed on to their maker.

RED WAGON WPC supports 3 food pantries – Chester Eastside, LifeWerks & Media Food Bank. Chester Eastside is requesting:

- Pancake mix/syrup •
- Oatmeal •
- Peanut butter •
- Canned fruit/applesauce •
- Soup (condensed or ready to serve)
- Tuna/salmon/chicken •
- Sides (mac and cheese) •
- Canned vegetables (corn, green beans, beans)
- Dry Pasta/Spaghetti Sauce •
- Canned pasta/chili

Sunday, November 12 9:00 am- Chancel Choir 10:00 am- Worship 11:00 am- Coffee Hour 11:00 am- Monthly Conversations 1:00 pm- BSA Monday, November 13 10:00 am- Staff Meeting 10:00 am- Adult Bible Class 6:30 pm- Scouts 228 Den Meeting 7:00 pm- WPC Connections 7:30 pm- Stewardship Council **Tuesday, November 14** 11:00 am- PrimeTime Luncheon 4:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons 7:00 pm- Ballroom Dancing 7:30 pm- Worship Council

Wednesday, November 15

9:00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner 10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends 3:00 pm- Private Brass Lessons 3:00 pm- Private Flute Lessons 7:00 pm- Valley Voices 7:30 pm- BookLook Thursday, November 16 7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019 Friday, November 17 Saturday, November 18 Sunday, November 19 9:00 am- Bell Choir 9:30 am- Chancel Choir 10:00 am- Worship 11:00 am- Coffee Hour 11:15 am- Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 1:00 pm- Scouts 228 4:30 pm- Youth Group Putt Putt

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